

I also extended the powers of Ill. Bro., ELI HARRISON, 33°, as our Special Deputy in British Columbia for twelve months.

I exceedingly regret that illness deprived me of the very great pleasure of being present at the annual re-union of the Hamilton Bodies in February, 1885, but I am given to understand that the meeting was, as usual, highly successful, and it redounds very much to the credit of the Hamilton brethren that they have been able to carry on these re-unions which are so pleasant and profitable in spite of all the difficulties which have visited their path.

I was fortunate enough to be present at the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction in U. S. A., in the City of Boston, in September, 1885, where Canada was well represented, as in addition to myself there were present the Lieut. Grand Commander, accompanied by Ill. Bro., DOMVILLE, 33° and Ill. Bro., D. R. MUNRO, 33°.

We were most enthusiastically received and hospitably treated, and greatly impressed by the proceedings.

This year, by some oversight, no invitation to be present has reached me.

In April last, I had the pleasure of attending a very full meeting of the Supreme Council of England, at 33 Golden Square, London, and met with the kindest reception.

I am very happy to say, that in reply to my request, the Supreme Council of England has most gracefully waived her right to jurisdiction over the Province of Newfoundland.

Since we last met a most disastrous fire has occurred in Cincinnati, Ohio, by which the Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite lost the whole of their magnificent property, and Ill. Bro., E. T. CARSON, 33°, suffered the irreparable loss of his world-known library.

I addressed a letter of sympathy to Illustrious Bro. Carson, and the members of the Rite in Cincinnati, which I feel sure will meet with your hearty approval.

Nearer home the Rite has suffered a loss in the death of Illustrious Bro., Lieut.-Col. WM. NASSAU KENNEDY, 32°, who died in London, Eng., on Sunday, the 3rd of June, on his way home from Egypt, where he had nobly represented Canada in the service of our beloved Queen throughout the Egyptian war.

A vacancy having occurred in the office of Representative of this Supreme Council near that of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., I, with the approval of Ill. Bro., ALBERT PIKE, the Sovereign Grand Commander, appointed Ill. Bro., Webber, 33°, to that position.

Before drawing my address to a close I desire to lay one suggestion before you, and one to which I ask your most careful consideration.

As the result of my frequent visits to England, and my careful perusal of the various reports of the doings of the Supreme Council of that country, I have

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been greatly impressed and I am convinced by the members of the

It is quite true preclude us from doing as is so effectually done by the Supreme Council, but might be accomplished by the governing body, with possibly a frequently a visit to supervising their work.

This would have that our interest in than an annual revision be in a position to too fully occupied to absence from their service.

They would also bodies, choose suitable sary degrees, at the

This course would very marked improvement accession to our number.

I leave this suggestion

And now, brethren, gavel into your hands co-operation, and for invariably shown me

No one can be more the same time, I have the very best of my Accepted Scottish Rite

To my successors

I hold out to him ever he may be, my love

As your retiring my warmest wishes for myself for the last time